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OUR LOCAL ANANIAS CLUB.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S MOVE.

President Wilson's move for peace comes at a time when the neutral world is looking for a leader which will bring the combatants into conference; when the neutral world is looking for a medium to express its own weariness, its own suffering, its own hope for a speedy end to this disastrous conflict.

We doubt if the Allies will receive such a move with cordiality, but the Allies have not been particularly cordial to the neutrals at any stage of the war, and the United States has suffered indignities at the hands of the Allies as it has at the hands of the Central Powers. The first duty of neutrality, moreover, is not to either belligerent but to humanity.

When, yesterday afternoon, there came the news that the leading neutrals of Europe were considering a joint peace movement, it brought a sense of disappointment to Americans that their country was taking no active hand. Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland and Holland were mentioned, but the United States, the most powerful, the most prosperous, the most populous, was not included. And Americans were forced to ask themselves whether our government had been intentionally omitted. Had our long and irritating diplomatic exchanges with the belligerents convinced these other neutrals that we could not take effective leadership in a move for peace? Had our failure to heed the frequent hints from the European neutrals—hints that we should proceed actively in the formation of a league to end the war—convinced them that Uncle Sam was unready to act when opportunity offered?

Less than 12 hours later news went flying around the world that President Wilson had made a concrete move for peace. He had called on the belligerents to put clearly before the world their respective demands which must be complied with to bring a cessation of battle.

The action of the president puts upon the belligerents the burden of proof that they must needs continue the war. It gives opportunity for each side to state its case, so that if there is the slightest possibility for reconciling their demands, reconciliation may come.

Hope of such reconciliation is so small as to seem fanciful. We have already said why we do not believe either side can yield now. But it is nevertheless the plain duty of neutrals to afford the belligerents every chance to end their war, every opportunity to close their differences.

The president's action elevates his country to the leadership of neutrals which it by right should occupy. His further action will tell whether this government is prepared to outline practical plans to bring about statements of peace terms by the warring nations.

Rumania will soon be a nation without a country. It is safe to say that Rumania wouldn't oppose peace.

We are informed that progress is about the same on the Waikiki declamation project.

A ukulele is a mandolin with a press-agent.—Boston Transcript.

COAST MAIL IS MAKING RECORD

With three mail steamers yet to arrive from the mainland before this month ends, the amount of whose despatches are not yet known, mails arriving in Honolulu for December to date from the states are now almost 1000 bags ahead of the number of bags coming from the mainland in December, 1915.

Including the despatches to arrive in the Hill liner Great Northern tomorrow and the Oceanic liner Sierra Monday morning, the total number of bags reaching Honolulu for December to date is 5806 bags, an increase of 933 above the amount for the entire month in December, 1915, when it was only 4673.

By Monday noon a total of 2540 bags will have arrived from San Francisco in six days. The Wilhelmna brought 1160 Tuesday, the Great Northern will bring 540 tomorrow and the Sierra 840 Monday.

The Wilhelmna's mail Tuesday, 1160 bags, weighed close to 21 tons. Its exact weight was 41,794 pounds. The Manoa, Niagara and China will arrive next Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. With their despatches the December total should be close to 7000 bags, 2400 above last December.

HARBOR NOTES

Some time today the bark W. B. Flint is to sail for Seattle.

The schooner Kitsap arrived this morning from the Sound with lumber.

Next mail for San Francisco will be taken at 10 a. m. Tuesday by the Hill liner Great Northern.

At midnight tonight the Matson liner Wilhelmna will steam for Hilo, returning here Sunday morning. She

The Isles of Peace appear to be yielding to the general atmosphere of belligerency. A number of plain and fancy scraps have been started lately and usually the *cassus belli* appears to the public too slight for such fierce engagements of tongue and pen. The latest in the line of war arenas has been created by Superintendent of Public Works Forbes and Contractor Ed Lord, each of whom, at the harbor board meeting yesterday, elected the other to membership in the Ananias Club.

The row is needless, as such rows usually are. The spectacle of a high territorial official and a well-known businessman passing the lie over a difference of opinion may be amusement to some and a timely example to others, but it does not assist in transacting public business.

If the contractor knows of serious flaws in the plans and specifications on Piers 8, 9 and 10, he should put his statement in writing with a demand that attention be paid by the harbor board. Off-hand accusations in the course of a heated exchange of epithets will not do. If his written charges seem to warrant the harbor board employing outside experts to make an investigation, there is small doubt that the board will take suitable action.

And both of the belligerents should remember that the harbor board is an official body of the government, not a session of the Ananias Club.

PERHAPS WE DON'T NEED IT.

From the Maui News.

The controversy of the College Club with the Department of Public Instruction and the governor, which has been raging for several weeks, is a matter of very general interest because the schools of a community touch the people more directly than almost any other institution. If we understand the matter correctly, the ladies of the College Club have suggested that mainland teachers should be accorded equal consideration in matter of appointment and remuneration with our normal school trained teachers; and also that the federal department of education be invited to make a scientific survey of our educational system.

Just why the administration should take exception to these requests is not clear. In fact it would seem that both suggestions are most reasonable and timely—unless, indeed, we are so self-satisfied as to be convinced that we have nothing more to learn from the rest of the world in matters educational.

These resignations from the bench, however, give the Bar Association something to do, which is a welcome novelty for the Bar Association.

Shoes, beefsteak and clothing will be higher next year, and there is also a modish tendency to set them in platinum.

Sixteen thousand more national guardsmen are going to get out of the trenches before Christmas.

A little less emphasis on the liquid and a little more on the sunshine would be just about right.

The prohibition flock is evidently led by a competent Sheppard.

leaves at 10 a. m. Wednesday for San Francisco.

Arrival at San Francisco Wednesday of the steam schooner Sophie Christensen, from this port November 29, is reported.

Next mail from San Francisco and Los Angeles will arrive tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in the Hill liner Great Northern.

Sunday Judge Henry E. Cooper's schooner Luka arrived at Fanning, according to a cable received by her owner. She made the distance in eight days, a fine passage.

The British freighters Bolton Castle and Lovther Castle left here at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon for Vladivostok via Muroran. They called for bunkers and came from New York and Philadelphia.

The Pacific Mail liner Venezuela, due to have left Yokohama December 17, has not yet cleared. No word of her departure was received today by the local agency, Exchange or the other agency, Hackfeld & Co.

Freight Clerk Mackenzie of the Claudine reports 1800 bags of Kipahu sugar awaiting shipment. Rain squalls were experienced by the steamer throughout the trip. Moderate winds and seas on the inward voyage were met.

At 6:30 Saturday evening a Christmas dinner will be given all sailors in port by the Seamen's Institute in the hall of the Seamen's Mission, Halekula and Richards. There will be a Christmas tree with presents for every sailor followed by a concert and social.

An increase in tonnage of 22,461 tons above the record for the previous year is shown in the annual report of Capt. William R. Foster, harbor master of this port, for the year ending June 30, 1916. A total of 538 steamers and 77 sailing vessels entered the port of Honolulu in the year.

The Inter-Island steamer Claudine brought 40 cabin and 41 deck passengers from Maui ports. Her inward freight included an auto, a motorcycle, a cow and many Christmas foodstuffs.

including 59 crates of chickens, 12 of pigs, 13 of turkeys, three of geese, one of ducks, 72 bags of beans, 10 of potatoes, 20 crates of peas, nine barrels of wine and 496 sundries.

Hawaii will have a new and modern coast guard cutter instead of the old worn out Thetis, which was towed away from Honolulu last April and sold at the coast, if recommendations made to Congress by Capt. E. B. Bertholf, commanding the coast guard service, are carried out. The captain, in his annual report, recommends three new cutters, one each at Honolulu, Detroit and Beaufort, North Carolina.

General Superintendent F. W. Peters of the Canadian-Pacific Railway is expected to arrive Wednesday from Vancouver on the Canadian-Australasian liner Niagara, to visit the islands for 10 days. He will be accompanied by his wife and daughter and will return on the Makura. This is his first visit to the islands. Manager Wentworth Buchanan of the shipping department of Theo. H. Davies & Co., Ltd., the local C.A. agency, has made hotel reservations for the party, at Peters' request.

PASSENGERS EXPECTED

Per Matson steamer Manoa, due Tuesday, December 26, from San Francisco—Mrs. W. Weddick, Mrs. E. Nevins, Mr. Henderson, Mrs. Henderson, H. D. Van Brunt, C. L. Clarke, B. Costoy, J. B. Kirkland, Mrs. J. B. Kirkland, Mrs. A. N. Locke, Miss Helen McLean, Mrs. Antonio Perry and children, A. G. Wells, Mrs. A. G. Wells, Miss Wells, G. H. Engels, George Chamberlain, R. D. Gaffney, J. Hal Stanley, W. Gaffney, Mrs. R. J. Gaffney, Miss Marion Gaffney, Fred G. Shoudy, Mrs. Fred G. Shoudy, G. C. Farrell and Hallet Stanley.

Miss Sarah Ruth Avera and Mac Alpine Riddell of Kealia, Kauai, were united in marriage Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Canon William Ault in St. Andrew's Cathedral. Miss Marie R. von Holt and Ronald K. von Holt attended. Mrs. Riddell arrived in the Wilhelmna from the mainland.

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FOUR MORE MAIL LINERS RUNNING

An average of four more mail steamers will arrive with mail and leave with despatches for all points in the first quarter of 1917, than in the first three months of 1916, according to the official postoffice time-table for January, February and March, 1917, prepared by John F. Daly, clerk to Acting Postmaster William C. Petersen.

In January, February and March a total average of 20 steamers will arrive each month and a similar number will leave, taking mail. This is four more than the number available last year, which will help out Honolulu's mail service greatly.

The new liners now on the trans-Pacific run, bringing and taking mail, are the T. K. K. steamers Korea Maru and Siberia Maru and the Pacific Mail liners Ecuador and Venezuela. The Colombia will be running in March, also the new Matson liner Maui. None of these boats was in use last year at this time. They have all been put into the trans-Pacific service in the last six months or less.

The Korea Maru passed through Honolulu only last Monday on her first voyage as a T. K. K. steamer. With the Maui and Colombia running there will be six more mail boats a month than last year.

Trouble of some kind is believed to be the reason why the fine big Japanese freighter Kinkasan Maru is headed in here for bunkers. The Inter-Island received a wireless from her this morning saying she will arrive at noon Saturday for bunker coal. No mention of any difficulties is made in the message.

From the fact that the Merchants' Exchange reports her as having left San Francisco November 30 for Yokohama, it is thought she may have run short of coal because of poor quality loaded at San Francisco, as did the Kenkon Maru No. 3 last month, which had to run south of Honolulu from the Great Circle route for more fuel.

The Kinkasan Maru was not listed with the Inter-Island to call here, either, which lends more strength to the belief that she met bad weather on the Great Circle route and has had to change her course and call here because she has not enough coal left to take her to Yokohama.

This morning the Japanese freighter Kongozan Maru arrived from Antofagasta and Balboa for bunker coal.

There are 3520 tons aboard the Hilonian for Honolulu and 481 for Kahului, making her total cargo aboard 4001 tons. The steamer will dock at Pier 20 and will leave for Kahului after discharging her Honolulu cargo.

The Matson liner Manoa left San Francisco at 9 o'clock Tuesday night, 5 hours late, but no cargo report has yet been received from the Matson offices in San Francisco telling how much freight she has aboard for the islands.

TRIBUTE PAID TO HAWAII SCHOOLS

In a recent issue of the Humboldt State Normal School Letter, published at Arcata, Cal., the following compliment is paid the department of public instruction of Hawaii:

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Honohu Sugar Co.		42
Hutchinson S. Plant. Co.	1 1/2	1 3/4
Kahuku Plantation Co.		225
Kekaha Sugar Co.		225
Koloa Sugar Co.		225
McBryde Sugar Co., Ltd.	10 1/2	11 1/2
Oahu Sugar Co.	29 1/2	29 1/2
Olaa Sugar Co., Ltd.	14 1/2	15 1/2
Onomea Sugar Co.	50	51
Pasadena Sugar Co.		19
Pacific Sugar Mill		230
Paia Plantation Co.		230
Pepeskee Sugar Co.		230
Pioneer Mill Company	38 1/2	39 1/2
San Carlos Milling Co.	17 1/2	18
Waialua Agr. Co.	30 1/2	31

MISCELLANEOUS—	
Enday Development Co.	
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Hawaiian Con. Ry. 7 pc. A.	8 1/2
Hawaiian Con. Ry. 6 pc. B.	8 1/2
Hawaiian Con. Ry. Com.	2 1/2
Hawaiian Electric Co.	215
Hawaiian Pineapple Co.	56 1/2
Hon. Brew. & Malt, Co.	17
Honolulu Gas Co., Ltd.	17 1/2
Hon. R. T. & L. Co.	143
Inter-Island Steam Nav.	200
Mutual Telephone Co.	20
Oahu Railway & Land	160
Pahang Rubber Co.	18 1/2
Selama-Dindings Ltd. Pfd.	18 1/2
Selama-Dindings 55% Pd.	18 1/2
Tanjong Olok Rubber Co.	36 1/2

BONDS—	
Beach Walk Imp. 5 1/2 pc.	
Hakukua Ditch Co.	
Hawaiian Con. Ry. 5 pc.	95 1/2
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Hon. Gas Co., Ltd., 5s.	104
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Kauai Ry. Co. 6s.	
Manoa Imp. Dist. 5 1/2 pc.	
McBryde Sugar Co., 5s.	
Mutual Tel. 5s.	106
Oahu Ry. & L. Co. 5 pc.	106 1/2
Oahu Sugar Co. 6 pc.	110
Olaa Sugar Co. 6 pc.	97 1/2
Pacific Guano & Fert. Co. 100	
Pacific Sugar Mill Co., 6s	
San Carlos Milling Co.	

Between Boards: Sales: 50, 50 Olaa, 15.62 1/2; 30, 35 McBryde, 11.62 1/2; 55, 100 Waialua, 32.12 1/2; 85, 115, 10 H. C. & S., 49.50; 90 Ewa, 34; 50, 150 Pioneer, 40; 29, 40 Haw. Pineapple, 56.50; 70, 30 Oahu Sugar, 31.

Session Sales: 5, 5 Oahu Sugar, 29.25; 50 McBryde, 10.87 1/2; 10 Oahu Sugar, 29.25; 5 Haw. Pineapple, 57; 30 Oahu Sugar, 30; 25 Hon. B. & M., 17.50; \$1000 Honokaa, 66, 90; \$1000 Olaa, 66, 98; \$1000 Olaa, 66, 97.75; 25, 5, 5 Ewa, 32.75; 20 Waialua, 30; 5 Ewa, 32.75; 50, 100 McBryde, 10.75.

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PERSONALITIES
R. H. Worrall has returned to Honolulu after an absence of three months on Maui.

ENGINEER M. SAIKI of the Japanese communication department visited Kahuku to inspect the Marconi wireless station Wednesday.

MISS ELIZABETH ATKINS of Hawaii, daughter of Judge Atkins of Kohala, is in Honolulu and expects to return to the Big Island Friday.

GEORGE W. ASHLEY, JR., deputy collector of internal revenue, is now on Maui looking over the work of that office. He will return to Honolulu next Saturday.

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